

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.; Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: Vigil at 4 p.m.; 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions are heard Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.

Parish Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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✠ **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **November 12, 2023** ✠

*Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus! Na wieki wieków. Amen.*

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which fell on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

On December 8-9, the Scranton Diocese will host a Young Adult Discernment Retreat (please see the flyer attached to the narthex bulletin board). This retreat is for young men and women in our parish discerning all vocations, not just priesthood or religious life. If any young person would like to attend this retreat, please speak to me. Also, our Diocesan Vocations Office is partnering with national speaker Rhonda Gruenwald from Vocation Ministry to help parishioners in the Diocese of Scranton promote a culture of vocations. To ensure that our parish is equipped to serve those discerning God's call in their lives, I have invited a few of our parishioners to attend an upcoming "Hundredfold Parishioner Workshop" in Laflin. They will return with ideas to help me promote vocations in our parish. Let us continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. *"O God, send us priests! O God, send us many priests! O God, send us many holy priests!"*

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**Advent Pierogi Making** has begun. Work begins at 8 a.m. each day, with an evening shift beginning at 6 p.m. Help is needed to prepare sauerkraut, peel and boil potatoes, roll balls, prepare & cut dough rounds, boil and pack sauerkraut and potato pierogi and clean up daily of the church hall and kitchen area. Help is also needed for the washing of towels and cloths that are used. All help is appreciated and needed! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church. Contact Mary at 570-815-9677 with any questions. *\*\* You will be called when your order is ready for pick-up.*

**Thanksgiving HNS Kolache Sale** pick-up date: Sunday, Nov. 19, 9am - 12pm in the church hall. If you forgot to place your order last month, no worry – additional kolache have been ordered for you to purchase on Nov. 19 at only \$14 each, freshly made by Bakery Delite. Also, Mike Silla's famous homemade pizzelle will once again be offered for sale that day! Three pizzelle varieties will be available: anise, chocolate and vanilla with sprinkles.

**The annual Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in our church hall! We are looking for volunteer bakers to help supply homemade baked goodies. Please prepare a double or triple batch of your best kind of cookie/candy. Use the sign-up sheet located in narthex or contact Tammy Satkowski, 457-3855, to register the type of cookie. Cookies may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday, Dec. 8, between 6 and 8 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Donate a Theme Basket!** Theme baskets will also be raffled off at this year's Cookie Walk. Christmas themed baskets, toy baskets, etc. can be dropped off during the same times as the cookies. All items must be new. Call Tammy to volunteer to work the Cookie Walk.

**Our annual Christmas COOKIE WALK** will be Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church hall. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while choosing from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a holiday theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal. Contribution cards can be found in the church narthex. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket. Our parish goal: \$30,000. Raised to date: \$10,635.

**The oplatki**, the traditional Eastern European Christmas Eve wafers, will be blessed during the 4 pm Mass on Dec. 2. *The oplatki will be available after that Mass to mark the start of Advent.* The offering is \$3 per wafer envelope.

**The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King** on Sunday, Nov. 26. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue until the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Feast of Christ the King is a day when we focus on Christ reigning, enthroned in heaven, King of Heaven and Earth for all time. It reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism? He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Come adore our Eucharistic King on November 26!

**Please join us** for our annual pre-Mass classical music recollections. There will be three recitals: November 11, 18, and 25 prior to the Saturday evening vigil masses. They will begin immediately following the recitation of the Holy Rosary. The music repertoire will consist of classical piano music, primarily from the Romantic period of classical music (late 19th century.) The selections will highlight the music of Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and others. - Anthony George, Music Director

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns, and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

**Thursday, November 23, 9:00 a.m.**

**The Parish Office will be closed** Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen Monday, Nov. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

**Free 2024 liturgical calendars** will soon be available. These calendars, printed by the Catholic Church Extension Society, benefit the Church's missionary efforts in the United States. They have been generously donated to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church by the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont. These beautiful calendars feature each month Catholic artistic images. They list all solemnities, feasts and memorials of the liturgical calendar as well as the color of the vestments worn each day, the days of fast and abstinence, and the holy days of obligation. Every Catholic household should have one!

**All Souls Day Envelopes** have been placed near the tabernacle and will remain there the entire month of November. Our dearly departed will be remembered in a special way at all Masses.

**Veterans' Day Prayer:** Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

**We welcome new members!** Jessica Volch and Christopher Stanco of Pittston Twp. have recently joined our parish. If you are interested in registering as a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, please complete a census form and return it to the parish office. Forms can be found on the table in the church narthex.

**The Fuel Envelope** appears in your envelope pack each November to help defray the cost of heating our church buildings during the winter months. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Adult Religious Education** will be held for 4 weeks in November to study the Sacraments of Initiation. They will meet in the school on Wednesday evenings at 6pm until Nov. 29. If you are interested in joining, email your name and phone number to: [sacredheartccd@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartccd@comcast.net).

**A Thanksgiving Food Drive** is being sponsored by our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade CCD students. Please bring non-perishable food items to either the church narthex or the school until Sunday, Nov. 19. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

**Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available for advanced sale:** If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, or would like more information, contact Kathy Vojta at our Parish Office to make an appointment. UPDATE: The cemetery ground has been leveled for the placement of the concrete pad upon which the columbarium will rest. Dupont Monument estimates that the columbarium will be erected by this Christmas.

**A St. Nicholas Party** will be held by our parish Holy Name Society on Wed., Dec. 6 at 6 pm in the church hall. All HNS members are invited to attend *and are asked to make their reservation with Greg Zawacki by calling 947-8200.*

**The Match the Daily Number raffle** held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$5 will give you ten chances to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with an exact matching set of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any HNS member. The winning ticket must be presented.

**Rev. Leo J. Kozlowski**, the sixth pastor of our parish from 1977-1984, died on November 13, 1984. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul on the anniversary of his death.

**Home bound parishioners** are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office and requesting this service. This spiritual care is offered to any parishioner who, because of illness or advanced age, cannot leave their homes and attend Mass. Home visitation may be requested for a certain period of recovery time or for a more permanent basis. The sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick are offered to all home bound parishioners every Advent and Lent. Fr. Petro will visit the homebound this December 1.

**Children and Student Envelopes:** If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

**Cemetery clean-up:** All families of those buried in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Cemetery are asked to clean their graves for the winter by removing all decorations and dead flowers. A reminder: plants, mulch, decorations, etc. must not be placed *behind* your monument, only in front or on the sides of it – someone else's lot begins behind your monument.

**Be aware of Scams!** Please do not respond to emails or texts claiming to be from one of the priests or staff from any of the parishes in the diocese requesting gift cards or other donations.

**The members of the Order of Alhambra** will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Nov. 12, to pray for their deceased members. The Order of Alhambra is dedicated to assisting those with intellectual disabilities. See Ada Magni for more information after Mass.

**The Catholic Choral Society** of Scranton's annual Generations Sing Concert will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, 4 p.m. at the Houlihan-McLean Center, Mulberry St. and Jefferson Ave., downtown Scranton. Admission is free. For more details, call 570-941-7624.

**Monday (Nov. 13) St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

No Mass

**Tuesday (Nov. 14) Weekday**

No Mass

**Wednesday (Nov. 15) St. Albert the Great**

No Mass

**Thursday (Nov. 16) St. Margaret of Scotland**

No Mass

**Friday (Nov. 17) St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

7:30 am Rev. Mark Beard

*by the Purdy family*

**Saturday (Nov. 18) Vigil: 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm George Gayza

*by daughter, Marian*

**Sunday (Nov. 19) Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Andrew and Frances Hergan

*by Bob and Lorraine Hergan*

10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

*"His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands"*

**Last Sunday:** \$6,073.68

**Building Fund:** \$576.00

**Fuel:** \$648.00

**All Saints Day:** \$1,208.30

**Care and Education of Priests:** \$390.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*

Tabernacle: *Thomas Skrzysowski, Sr., by daughter, Joan Vogue*  
Blessed Mother: *intentions of Carol Nebraska, by the Pistack family*

St. Joseph: *John Eustice, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family*  
St. Therese: *intentions of Ava Sohal, by grandma and grandpa*  
St. Francis: *intentions of Autumn Sohal, by grandma and grandpa*



*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Frank, Dolores and Dee Ruda, by family.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 12, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists  
 Nov. 19, 9am-12pm, HNS Kolache and Pizzelle sale, church hall  
 Nov. 19, 9:30am, Confirmation parent meeting, school  
 Nov. 23, 9:00am, Thanksgiving Day Mass  
 Nov. 30, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

**November 11-12**

**4pm:** EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: T. Titton

**8:30am:** EM: *volunteer*, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: T. Papiercavich, A. & J. Rupprecht

**10:30am:** EM: C. Wesley, Lector: CCD students, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, E. & J. Toalongo

**November 18-19**

**4pm:** EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

**8:30am:** EM: *volunteer*, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins

**10:30am:** EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. Purdy

**Scranton Diocese Employment Opportunity:** Accounts Payable Specialist. This position in the chancery Finance Office is responsible for managing all aspects of the accounts payable process for multiple departments within the Diocese. The ideal candidate is a detail-oriented, self-motivated team player who thrives in a fast-paced environment and will help the team achieve department goals, while at the same time ensuring excellent service to our affiliated entities. Interested parties should visit the diocesan website [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) to review the full job description. Applicants must send a cover letter with salary requirements and a complete resume with a minimum of 3 references no later than Nov. 17 to: Mr. James Burke, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 or email [Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org)

**"A Christmas Celebration"**, a fun, family-friendly Christmas organ concert with guest organist Greg Zelek, a graduate of The Juilliard School and principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra in Wisconsin will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. It will feature festive organ music and the singing of Christmas carols. All children who attend the program will receive a special take-home treat.